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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM AFFIRMS THAT VENEZUELA  
WILL NOT JOIN OIL EMBARGO

1. BASED ON A TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN JOURNALISTS  
NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 6, THE CARACAS PRESS REPORTED FOREIGN MINISTER  
ESCOVAR SALOM AS STATING THAT VENEZUELA WOULD NOT JOIN IN ANY  
OIL EMBARGO DIRECTED AGAINST THE U.S. ACCORDING TO ESCOVAR,  
"IN MATTERS OF SUPPLY OF OIL TO THE U.S. AND THE BUYERS OF  
VENEZUELAN OIL, VENEZUELA HAS NOT CHANGED (ITS POLICY)...NOR  
IS IT GOING TO CHANGE IT....WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE PUNCTUAL,  
PROMPT AND EFFICIENT WITH OUR COMMITMENTS IN THIS AREA."

2. ESCOVAR SAID THAT HE FINDS THE U.S. TRADE ACT "DISCRIMINA-  
TORY" AND "DANGEROUS FOR WORLD PEACE", AND MENTIONED THAT HE HAD  
MADE VENEZUELA'S VIEWS KNOWN DURING HIS RECENT MEETING WITH SECRE-  
TARY KISSINGER. ESCOVAR ALSO REITERATED THE VENEZUELAN VIEW THAT  
ANY CONFERENCE BETWEEN OIL CONSUMERS AND OIL PRODUCERS SHOULD  
HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA, THAT VENEZUELA IS GOING TO USE  
ITS OIL WEALTH FOR ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
OTHER LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS, AND THAT THE HIGH PRICE OF  
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OIL IS NOT THE FUNDAMENTAL CAUSE OF WORLD INFLATION. HE REJEC-

TED REPORTS THAT VENEZUELA HAS IMPERIALISTIC DESIGNS AND SAID THAT VENEZUELA WILL ACT "WITHIN ITS LIMITS AND WITHIN ITS CAPABILITIES....VENEZUELA DOES NOT HOLD THE BELIEF THAT IT IS A MAJOR POWER."

3. ESCOVAR CLAIMED THAT ONLY A "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" COULD RESOLVE CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO "GLOBAL POLITICAL EQUILIBRIUM WITOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE THIRD WORLD". IN COMMENTING ON U.S.- VENEZUELAN RELATIONS, ESCOVAR STATED THAT WHILE THERE WERE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, IT IS NORMAL TO HAVE DIFFERENCES AND THEY COULD BE OVERCOME NOT BY "SIMPLE DECLARATIONS OF GOOD-WILL...BUT BY SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE AGREEMENTS."  
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